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To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Nevada County Stay-at-Home Order Stage 2 Reopening

Board of Supervisors:

As residents, neighbors, and business owners in Nevada County, we care deeply about our communities. On March 19th, Governor Newsom issued his shelter-in-place order, closing non-essential businesses and prohibiting all non-essential travel. We knew that it was the right thing to do, to protect our community, business, and the traveling public. We commend the Governor for making this difficult decision and taking early action in the fight against COVID-19 and support the County of Nevada, issuing Stay-at-Home guidelines to keep us safe.

Nevada County is where I choose to live. There is no other place like it. Our rich heritage, diverse culture, and quality of life make it the best place imaginable to grow a family and grow a business. The people are what make this community strong. We've weathered catastrophes like the 49er Fire, economic recessions, and PSPS outages, events that have interrupted our lives and livelihoods, but we've faced them together, and come out the other side more resilient for having survived.

We're heartened that the data on the Nevada County COVID 19 Dashboard is a clear indication that our community has been successful in following the State and Nevada County Stay-at-Home guidelines and that those afflicted with COVID 19 have recovered. Our curve is flattened, with no new cases reported.

Daily, we wait for news from our Supervisors that measures have been taken to follow the examples of neighboring counties whose COVID 19 data mirrors our own. The Supervisors of those counties have written letters to the Governor and reopened their counties with precautions in place. We in Nevada County are compelled to remain sequestered and non-essential businesses are mandated to remain closed. It is difficult

to watch our friends and neighbors go down the hill to neighboring counties to purchase goods and services while many of us are on the brink of financial collapse. Dollars spent outside of Nevada County; dollars that would help us recover economically were we open.

In addition, many of those forced into confinement suffer health and mental health issues.

It is our feeling that you, as our elected officials have chosen to not stand up for us. If you do not help us reopen, many more small businesses in Nevada County will perish. We ask the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to stand with the constituency of the County. To support our right as citizens to open our doors, our right as business owners to serve our community, and to restore our livelihoods.

We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors write a resolution asking California's Governor to terminate the current state of emergency declaration, give local control back to the County of Nevada and reopen our businesses.

Sincerely,

John and Billie Edwards

